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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A CONTROL UNIT FOR ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEANS AS MASTER AND AT LEAST ONE CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR WEIGHT

MEASUREMENT IN A SEAT AS SLAVE, AND BUS SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment in response to the Office Action of October 3, 2008.

Applicant respectfully petitions for **one-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of October 3, 2008, for which a three-month response period expired on January 3, 2009. The extended period for response expires on February 3, 2009.

The fee of \$402.00 (\$130.00 extension of time fee; \$52.00 fee for one additional claim in excess of 20; and \$220.00 fee for one additional independent claim in excess of three) is **being paid** by credit card.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or to credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11–0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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